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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **A** | **B** | | monotonous (adj) | spoken in one tone; boring, repetitive  Well, one does have a few in thirty-five years of service in the Lights, although it’s mostly monotonous routine work – keeping the light in order, making out the reports. | | eternal (adj) | endless; having no beginning or end  One misstep and down you would fall into the sea – not that the risk of drowning was so great, but the waters around our island swarmed with huge sharks that kept an eternal patrol around the base of the light. | | provisions (n) | Supplies  We had enough provisions to last for months, in the event that the sea should become too rough for the supply ship to reach us on schedule. | | treacherous (adj) | Dangerous  Now, ships were a rare sight in our waters, for our light was a warning of treacherous reefs, barely hidden under the surface and running far out to sea. | | derelict | (n)an abandoned ship; a homeless person (adj) deserted, abandoned, run-down  If I say there’s no one aboard, I mean she’s derelict. | | extinguish (V) | to put out  Our light extinguished, we returned to the gallery with our glasses and inspected her. | | specimen (n) | example  They had been driven out by the rats. Not those poor specimens of rats you see ashore, barely reaching the length of one foot from their trembling noses to the tip of their skinny tails, wretched creatures that dodge and hide at the mere sound of a footfall. | |  |  | | suffice (v) | be enough  At times, when the cargo does not suffice, the rats attack the crew, either driving them from the ship, or eating them alive. | | writhing (adj) | twisting as in pain or discomfort  Over her bridge, on her deck, in the rigging, on every visible spot, the ship was a writhing mass – a starving army coming toward us on a vessel gone mad! | |  |  | | Comrade (n) | a friend; a fellow member of a group  Comrade = a Communist party member  I called my comrades and the three of us fastened a sheet of tin in the opening, sealing it tightly. | | Incessantly (adv) | without ceasing or stopping  They moved incessantly, never still. | | Prefix: ex- | out, out of, away from, not, without, former  In the light of our lantern she seemed so sound, so strong, that Itchoua exclaimed impatiently:  “But why the devil was she abandoned? Nothing is smashed, no sign of fire – and she doesn’t sail as if she were taking water.” | | |  |
| horde | a large, moving crowd |  |
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